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DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor (if one inventor is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if more than one inventor is listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled, "Improvement to Front Axle of an Agricultural Tractor", the specification of which is attached hereto OR was filed September 16, 2003 and has since been granted U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 10/663292 and amended on none

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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